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The Honorable Harold Volkmer
U. S. House of Representatives
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February 1, 1993

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Lance Campbell

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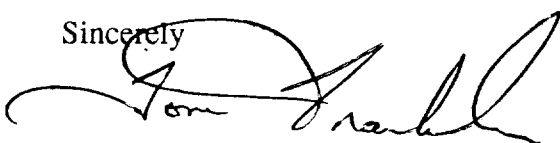
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Chad Stretz

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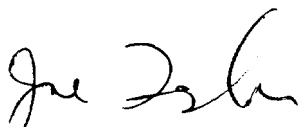
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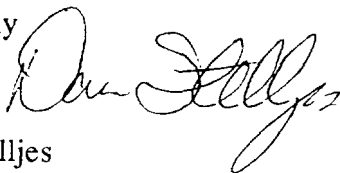
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Dan Stelljes

The Honorable Harold Volkmer

January 25, 1993

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Dear Congressman Volkmer,

I have loved aviation for a very long time. When I developed diabetes after my Air Force delayed entry enlistment, my dreams of becoming a pilot were shattered. It was this which led me to take up my hobby, and so seriously pursue it. You see, I now love to build and fly radio controlled model airplanes. I am only one of hundreds of thousands who pursue this pastime. For some, it is a recreational hobby. For others, such as myself it is a sport as well. A sport in which we have invested thousands of dollars. A sport which breeds the spirit of competition on which we thrive, across the nation. The aero-modelling club in the small town of Taylor, Missouri contains upwards of 35 members. I personally own 3 radios, 5 R/C models and a workshop full of support equipment.

This leads me to tell you that I am deeply concerned about a proposed rule that is under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, this rule will swamp the usability of radio frequencies currently assigned to R/C Model use, and multiply the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for land mobile dispatch operations. However, the current setup ensures enough separation that we don't interfere with one another. The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces part 90 of the rules with a new part 88. Part 90 has insured safe use of R/C aircraft by keeping 10 KHz spaces between fixed commercial users and Radio Control Aircraft frequencies. The new part 88 will allow these users to go within 2.5 KHz of our frequencies. This will effectively eliminate about 40 of the 50 channels currently available for our use. Even our remaining ten channels will be hurt by bleedover, third order interference, and countless other technical problems.

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5117 Silverlake Drive
St. Charles, MO 63304
13 February 93

The Honorable Harold Volkmer
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Volkmer,

I urgently request your intercession with the Federal Communications Commission in opposition to FCC PR Docket 92-235.

I have actively participated in the model aviation hobby for the past 40 years. Over that time I have built and flown many radio controlled model aircraft. I currently own and regularly fly 6 model aircraft, often at public parks. The radio equipment in three of these would not be useable, in the interest of safety, if the new frequencies are allowed.

The current model frequency allocation is the result of several years of cooperative development between the model community and the FCC. It was finally fully implemented in January 91. The current allocation required the replacement of all of my radio control transmitters and receivers at considerable expense to me. Now, 2 years later, the FCC is considering new allocations which will cost me more money to continue a life long hobby and avocation.

I am strongly opposed to the new frequency allocation included in the FCC PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,


Robert P. Johannes

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February 2, 1993 .

Representative Harold Volkmer
2411 Rayburn Building
Washington, DC 20515-0001

Dear Mr. Volkmer,

This is my first year of being able to devote time to constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. I Was in the military (a veteran of Desert Storm), for 7 1/2 years and only now after separation from the military have gotten active in a hobby I have been interested in for years. I am an active member of the local radio control model club and a member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics Association.

I have recently been informed of the proposed rule (proceeding is PR docket 92-235) that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission. If adopted, this could make a hobby I enjoy immensely, costly and dangerous.

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2205 Ridgefield Road

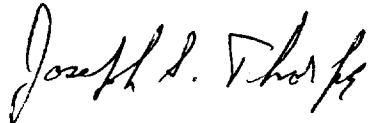
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will not even try to express here the mixture of disappointment and displeasure I experience at the thought of being denied that pleasure by approval of the proposed changes before the FCC.

I most sincerely request your assistance on the behalf of myself and the thousands of people who will be affected if the FCC approves these proposals.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph S. Thorpe". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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I have been interested in flying since I was a child. I am a full-scale pilot and also a model airplane pilot flying by radio control. I am very active with our local model aviation club and enjoy both constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Members of our club devote many hours introducing the hobby to young and old alike, providing free instruction to new pilots, and giving building tips to all club members. The Mid-Missouri Radio Control Club puts on several model airplane shows each summer and fall at our commercial airport and the airport near the state Capitol. We participate in Memorial Day activities, visit schools in our area, travel around the state, and participate with other clubs at flying contests.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have can share the band without either use interfering with the other.

Now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many land mobile frequencies will be closer to the radio control frequencies and cause potential interference to radio control operations. I understand that 39 of the 50 frequencies are to be disrupted by this plan. That is an 80 percent reduction of the frequencies granted us by the FCC.

When we fly our airplanes, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the pilot, the aircraft, other pilots flying simultaneously, and the spectators watching us fly. Many of our safety precautions involve assuring a clear radio frequency. This means impounding radios of non-flying pilots so that accidental signals cannot cause an aircraft to crash out of control. If the "safe" frequencies are reduced from 50 to 11, the remaining frequencies will become congested, thus reducing the margin of safety

The Honorable Harold Volkmer
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington D. C. 20515

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Dear Mr. Volkmer:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active with a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled airplanes. Members of the local model airplane club offer countless hours of free instruction and building tips to assist new pilots. The club also puts on one heck of a model airplane show each summer at a commercial airport, participates in Memorial Day festivities at our local airport, visits grade schools for demonstrations, travels around the state participating in other clubs events and lots, lots more.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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When we fly our model airplanes under radio control, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of radio control frequencies. If the number of frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety greatly increased.

Please understand that many model airplanes have a wingspan of up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30-40 pounds. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need use of our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the operating conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and our radio equipment. Radio equipment for each pilot cost on the average of \$250.00 and up, per radio. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment for thousands of people and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely



Steven Winters

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